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SUBJECT: ICRC REPORT ON VISIT TO CHI HOA PRISON

1. SEPTEL TRANSMITS TEXT OF OCTOBER 12 PRESS RELEASE IN WHICH ICRC DISPUTES VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY STATEMENTS CONCERNING ICRC VISIT TO CHI HOA CORRECTION CENTER IN SAIGON JUNE 14, 1973. ICRC POINTS OUT ITS REPRESENTATIVES VISITED ONLY 83 EPW SENTENCED FOR CIVIL OFFENSES DURING CAPTIVITY AND WERE NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF OTHER CHI HOA INMATES.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING COPY OF ICRC'S REPORT ON CHI HOA VISIT FROM GVN AND POUCHING IT AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DEPARTMENT (EA/VN). OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH ICRC IS THAT COPIES OF SUCH REPORTS COME TO USG THROUGH GVN RATHER THAN DIRECTLY FROM ICRC. JUSTIFICATION TO GVN FOR ASKING FOR REPORT IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THERE WERE US-CAPTURED EPW AMONG 83 EPW VISITED BY ICRC FROM WHOM WE RETAIN RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION. KISSINGER

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